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By direction of the President, the Bronze Star Medal is hereby awarded to COLONEL SHEFFIELD EDWARDS for meritorious achievement in ground operations against the enemy.

Colonel Edwards performed meritorious service from 21 April to 28 June 1943, in connection with the plans for the creation of a United States Tactical Air Force in the European Theater of Operations. Bringing to the problem an unexcelled knowledge and experience in Air Force-Ground Force cooperation, he accomplished a study of the requirements for air cooperation of a ground force, comprising two field armies. The data provided by him was made the basis for the preparation of a plan for an organization and troop table for a Tactical Air Force in Great Britain, eventually implemented by the activation of the Ninth Air Force. The success attained by the latter in its operation against the enemy attest the soundness of the original plans and estimates in the preparation of which Colonel Edwards exercised great influence by the contribution of basic planning data.

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